

# OUR LADY OF MERCY

## MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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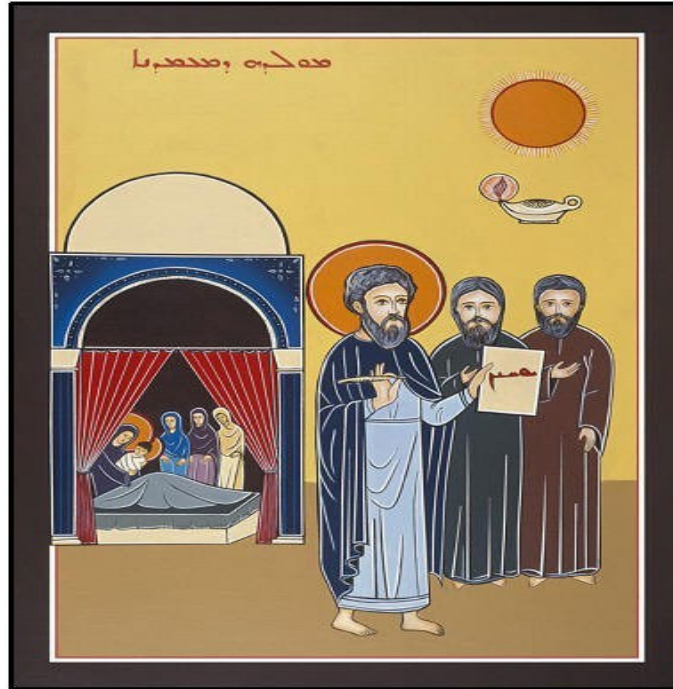
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**Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptizer: December 7, 2025**



### Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday - 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday - 8:30am to 9:30am

### Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 9am  
in the Chapel.

Saturday - 4pm/Sunday - 10am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 9:30am - 10:30am

Fridays - 9:30am - 10:30am

Saturdays - 2pm to 3:45pm

### First Saturday Devotion

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

2:00pm - Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

### Baptism and Chrismation

Contact the priest at least  
three (3) months prior to the  
requested date.

### Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least  
one (1) year prior to  
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

**“YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU” ISAIAH 43:4**

## Divine Liturgy Intentions- Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptizer: December 7, 2025

Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM- For the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptizer: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 10:00 AM- For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Gal 4:21-5:1; LK 1:57-66

Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM – **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy day of Obligation)**

For the intentions of Goe Greije and Family

Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy day of Obligation)** For the unborn children

Tuesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM- For the blessings, health, temporal and spiritual guidance of Philomena and Daniel Jackson

Wednesday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM - For the blessings, health, temporal and spiritual guidance of Philomena and Daniel Jackson

Thursday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM– For the intentions of Maxine Bird and Family

Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM – For the intentions of Jimmy Georges and Family (**Our Lady of Guadalupe**)

Saturday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM- For the intentions of Jean Habchy and Family

Sunday of the Revelation to Joseph December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM- For the repose soul of Wassim Jaroje (40 days Liturgy), requested by his brother Dr. Kumait Jaroje and family

### Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 11/24/2025-11/30/2025

Saturday/Sunday 11/30/25 collection - \$1123.00; Online Giving - \$543.51; Total –\$1666.51

**Donation: \$400.00**

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.**

**Check flyers for upcoming events - K4J Club, MYO events, Photo and Breakfast with Santa**

### **Gifts of the Heart for the Month of December**

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno & Family.

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – In thanksgiving and for the intentions of George, Charlotte, Tiana, Melissa, Joey Charbel, Mariel Jreij

## Church Dress Code

**Please Dress Modestly.** Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. **Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?**

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

الثياب المحتشمة

لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله.

يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام.

مع الف شكر!

## Mass etiquette from St John Bosco (compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)

- 1. Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces**
  2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
  3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
  - 4. Please refrain from talking in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus - it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.**
  5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
  6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.
- Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.

# I'VE GOT A Mission!

K4J Club!

Continue the journey you began at "K4J Summertime BLAST" at our K4J Club! Each month you will journey alongside a different Holy Hero that will encourage you to fulfill your monthly mission on your path to becoming a saint!

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Saturdays, 2-4pm



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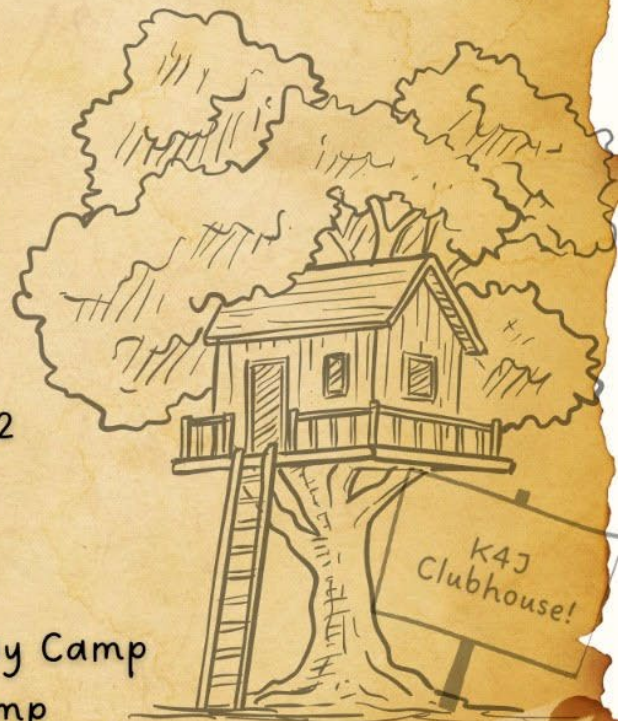
- November 15th
- December 13th
- January 24th
- March 7th
- April 18th
- May 16th



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## SAVE THE DATES!

- FEBRUARY 16-20: K4J Winter Day Camp
- JUNE 22-26: K4J Summer Day Camp

Questions? Contact: [Sophie.elhallal@gmail.com](mailto:Sophie.elhallal@gmail.com)



You are invited to a  
never-before-seen MYO

# GINGERBREAD "HOUSE"

## DECORATING

## Competition!

Join us for a fun evening decorating gingerbread "houses"  
(but with a twist!) Come hungry for dinner and ready for  
competition, prizes, and a talk!



**DECEMBER 13**  
**5:00-7:30 PM**

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**BREAKFAST & PHOTO**

with

*Santa*

**ADULTS: \$15  
KIDS (10 YO & UNDER) \$10**


**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025  
OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH HALL  
11:30AM - 01:30PM**

**For Reservation:  
Sabrina Hallal: (508) 688-2577**



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*Divine Liturgy*


WITH CELEBRANT  
**FR. CHRISTIAN HBAITER**

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	NOV 2	NOV 23
	DEC 7	JAN 18
	FEB 1	FEB 15
	MAR 1	

 **5:00PM**

 **CHAPEL AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE**  
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**MYO CHRISTMAS  
PJ PARTY**

**19 DECEMBER, 2025**

Time : 6pm  
Where : St. Anthony of the Desert  
300 N Eastern Ave, Fall River MA

Games, Dabke, Music, Activities, Food, and Drinks

\$10 Admission per person, be sure to bring  
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*Garden and send it to me with a Message of*  
*Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee*  
*implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day*  
*More and More.*

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)



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## Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptizer

### Letter to the Galatians 4:21-5:1

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:57-66.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

## أحد مولد يوحنا

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 4:21-5:1

يا اخوتي، قولوا لي، أنتم الذين تريدون أن تكونوا في حكم الشريعة، أما تسمعون الشريعة؟ فإنه مكتوب: كان لإبراهيم ابنان، واحد من الجارية، وواحد من الحرة. أما الذي من الجارية فقد ولد بحسب الجسد، وأما الذي من الحرة فبقوة الوعد. وفي ذلك رمز: فسارة وهاجر تمثلان عهدين، عهدا من جبل سيناء يلد للعبودية، وهو هاجر؛ لأن هاجر هي جبل سيناء الذي في بلاد العرب، وتوافق أورشليم الحالية، لأنها في العبودية هي وأولادها. أما أورشليم العليا فهي حرة، وهي أمنا؛ لأنه مكتوب: «إفرحي، أيثها العاقرة التي لم تلد؛ اندفعي بالترنيم وصرخي، أيثها التي لم تتمخص؛ لأن أولاد المهجورة أكثر من أولاد المتزوجة.» أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فإنكم أولاد الوعد مثل إسحق. ولكن، كما كان حينئذ المولود بحسب الجسد يضطهد المولود بحسب الروح، فكذلك الآن أيضا. ولكن ماذا يقول الكتاب؟ «أطرد الجارية وأبنها، لأن ابن الجارية لا يرث مع ابن الحرة.» إذا، أيها الإخوة، لسنأ أولاد جارية، بل أولاد الحرة. إن المسيح قد حررنا لنبتقى أحرارا. فائتثوا إذا ولا تعودوا تخضعون لنير العبودية.

### إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:57-66

تم زمان إيصابات لتلد، فولدت ابنا. وسمع جيرانها وأقاربها أن الرب قد عظم رحمته لها، فقرحوا معه. وفي اليوم الثامن جاؤوا ليحختنوا الصبي، وسموه باسم أبيه زكريا. فأجابته أمه وقالت: «لا! بل يسمي يوحنا.» فقالوا لها: «لا أحد في قرابتك يدعى بهذا الاسم.» وأشاروا إلى أبيه ماذا يريد أن يسميه. فطلب لوقا وكتب: «إسمه يوحنا!» فنعجبوا جميعهم. وأفتتح فجأة فم زكريا، وأنطق لسانه، وجعل يتكلم ويبارك الله، فاستولى الخوف على جميع جيرانهم، وتحدثت الناس بكل هذه الأمور في كل جبل اليهودية. وكان كل من سمع بذلك يحفظه في قلبه قائلا: «ما عسى هذا الطفل أن يكون؟» وكانت يد الرب حقا معه.